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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012**

**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING MICHAEL BLACKBURN ON RECEIVING A 2012 GOLDEN APPLE  
AWARD**

Introduced By: Senator John J. Tassoni

Date Introduced: June 05, 2012

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, Michael Blackburn, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher at Western Hills Middle School  
2 in Cranston, has inspired his students to envision the possibilities, to have confidence in  
3 themselves and their abilities, and to have fun doing math, which is not an easy achievement; and

4           WHEREAS, The Golden Apple Award honors “those who believe in the true spirit of  
5 teaching by making classrooms a fun and safe place of learning”; and

6           WHEREAS, For his outstanding efforts and dedication to his students and excellence in  
7 education, Mr. Blackburn was nominated by his students, who wrote “He deserves this more than  
8 any other teachers!”; and

9           WHEREAS, The names of candidates for the Golden Apple Awards are submitted  
10 through a nomination process. The Rhode Island Department of Education, in conjunction with  
11 Hasbro and NBC-10, then selects and presents those to be honored as the 2012 recipients of the  
12 Golden Apple Award; and

13           WHEREAS, Mr. Blackburn’s genuine love of teaching has not only helped hundreds of  
14 children to succeed, but has also earned him the praise and admiration of his peers. His  
15 dedication and expertise have been tremendous assets to his entire school community; now,  
16 therefore be it

17           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
18 hereby congratulates and applauds Michael Blackburn on receiving a 2012 Golden Apple Award.

1 We furthermore wish him good health, fulfillment, and success in all his future endeavors; and  
2 be it further  
3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Michael Blackburn.

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